

Hen fanciers in Maine think they have solved the annual egg shortage problem by feeding their poultry on apples during the winter. Presumably the egg plant wouldn't do.

Frankly we consider the seedless and coreless apple a step in the wrong direction. It leaves no opportunity whatever for youth to acquire habits of generosity by giving away the core.

The greatest hill-climbing contest for automobiles is to be held at Pike's Peak next September, but in that attenuated atmosphere the machines are likely to get out of breath near the top.

A Russian correspondent, on returning from Manchuria, declared that the Japs were not really good fighters, and that they owed most of their success to Russian blunders. Had the Russians faced a German army, he declares, they would now be trying to defend Siberia.

The fact that the world owes every man a living does not seem to deter the world in the least from repudiating the debt when the creditor hasn't got the backing of the necessary "pull" and "push" to make good the collection. The world always was a faith-buster, anyway.

The New York Tribune quotes with approval a Berlin physician who says: "Out of 1000 girls who played the piano before the age of 12 I found 6000 cases of nervous diseases; whereas of the same number who did not play I found but 100 cases. The piano should never be used by a child before the age of 16, and only two hours a day at the maximum."

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce has prepared a statement of the consumption of various drinks in the principal cities of the world. While the total is naturally rather formidable, there is much difference of taste manifested by different countries in selecting the drinks to which they give the preference, the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal comments. Of the non-alcoholic drinks, coffee easily holds the first place.

Get into the American spirit, admonishes the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal. Learn the value of an hour. Do not allow a solitary one of the precious hours to flit past unutilized. If you are at work, work hard and reap the reward; if not at work, pick up a good, substantial book and add to your learning; if you are not reading a substantial book, take some physical exercise and benefit your health. But do not lie around and kill time. Stir yourself today—this morning.

The Milwaukee bank president who has embezzled \$1,500,000 is not altogether bad: in his last address as president of the American Bankers' association he made "a sturdy plea for the highest standard of honor in financial dealings." Also, he was "noted for his high regard for the maxims of Benjamin Franklin." That he was distinguished for the purity of his private life goes without saying, asserts the New York American. Let him among you who has never stolen a million-and-a-half dollars cast the first stone.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, addressing a student convention at New Haven, Conn., declared that Americans are a lawless people and that this is the greatest menace the nation has to face. He added: "What the country needs is no more wealth, we have wealth enough; it is not more commercial prosperity, we have an abundance of that; and it is not principally better intelligence, for we are very smart; but it is an earnest and loving obedience to law. We boast of our independence and think that means to go our own way, and we go that way, the black as well as the white, the rich as well as the poor, the educated as well as the ignorant, need it, for I believe the worst forms of law-breaking are not among the poor and ignorant, but among the rich and educated."

Florida State News.

Watson Primary Bill Vetoed.

In vetoing the Watson primary election bill, Governor Broward says: "The constitution of the state of Florida, section 15, article 3, provides that the enacting clause of every law shall be as follows: 'Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Florida.' I therefore consider this bill defective, as the enacting clause is 'Be it enacted by the state of Florida.'"

"As a further objection, there is no provision for the nomination by primary election of state officers, and section 1 of the act is otherwise defective."

"As a further objection, the provision of section 3 providing for aid to electors is too broad, and in the cities where there may be ignorant and corrupt voters it might cause great abuse; and for these reasons I object to the act under consideration becoming a law, and I deem it my duty to withhold my approval therefrom."

Move for Consolidating Roads.

The Savannah Trust company has begun suit in the United States circuit court for the northern district of Florida at Tallahassee in behalf of the first mortgage bondholders of the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad company to foreclose the mortgage on the railroad and other property of that company, which secures these bonds.

This, it is understood, is the first step toward the actual consolidation of the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia railroad and the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railway, and is preliminary to the ultimate opening of rail communication with the deep water harbor of Carrabelle as contemplated in the trust deed of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama to the Manhattan Trust company, recently recorded.

All on Board Were Searched.

A thief or thieves broke into the United States postoffice at Egmont Key and stole about three hundred dollars in currency and bank checks. The robbery was committed while the postmistress, Mrs. Tom H. Morton, was on a visit to Tampa, the office being in charge of an assistant, who is one of the soldiers at the fort on the Key. The robber has not yet been apprehended, and there is no clue to the perpetrator of the theft. When the United States government supply boat Alonzo F. Cushing arrived at Tampa with news of the robbery on instructions from United States Commissioner Crane, all of her passengers were searched as they stepped onto the dock, but no trace of the missing money was obtained, or no one found aboard upon whom suspicion rested.

Adolf Dittman of Chicago, representing a colonization concern, reached St. Augustine with letters from Louis Larson, Northwestern agent of the Florida East Coast railway. Mr. Dittman has gone down the coast for the purpose of selecting a location for the establishment of a foreign colony. He will visit Daytona, Titusville, Fort Pierce and Miami, but most of his time will be devoted to investigating a site a short distance from West Palm Beach, where there is 30,000 acres of fertile land ready for settlement. Mr. Dittman will not decide definitely on a location, but will gather information and report to the concern which he represents, on his return to Chicago. Mr. Larson feels confident, however, that the colony will soon be located on the east coast.

Governor Broward has vetoed the act passed by the recent legislature to provide for the disposition by the several counties of the state of Florida of the funds arising from and apportioned to the said several counties from the hire of state convicts. The governor says in his veto message: "I am opposed to the education of the youth of this state from the funds derived from the hire of state convicts. This fund, if used for other purposes than defraying the cost of the conviction and maintenance of the criminal courts of the state, should be devoted to the support of the charitable and corrective institutions of the state and to the building of good roads, and not to education or pensions."

Governor Broward has appointed E. A. Crawford of Tallahassee to be assistant state auditor, the new office created by the recent legislature. He also appointed Charles D. Clark of Blountstown to be supervisor of convict camps.

Deputy Clerk in Trouble.

A big sensation was developed in Pensacola when B. H. Burton, former deputy clerk of the circuit court, was arrested on the charge of falsifying county records, embezzlement and forgery. The arrest was made at the home of Mr. Burton, where he had gone, anticipating that a development such as occurred would transpire. The amount which it is alleged he secured is \$5,000. The former clerk admits that he committed some of the deeds. The state auditor has been in Pensacola for nearly a month working on the case.

Burton is a brother-in-law to A. M. McMillan, clerk of the court, and has served as deputy clerk for five or six years, and was considered one of the best and most efficient officers of the county. His bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Work of Assassins.

The body of Oscar Brannan, a prominent citizen of Plant City, was found on the road three miles from that town riddled with buckshot. No less than six loads had been fired into the body.

Investigation showed where at least three men had waited in ambush along the side of the road. Sheriff Jackson at once sent deputies with bloodhounds to the scene, and posses of excited citizens are scouring the country, searching for the murderers.

No clue has been found to the perpetrators. Brannan was known as a peaceable citizen and had no known enemies.

The Florida East Coast railway has a large number of shipbuilders at Miami for the purpose of building a number of barges, boats, etc., to be used on the work of extending the railway to Key West. Captain O'Farrell will be in charge of the work. He brought with him ten master ship carpenters, and as soon as the work is well under way a number of others will be employed. It is reported that the company will establish a ship yard with marine ways of sufficient capacity for docking and repairing the largest craft that makes the port.

Mrs. John A. H. Nickels, wife of Commander Nickels, U. S. N., was presented with a beautiful loving cup by the crew of the United States steamship Mangrove at Pensacola a few days ago, as a token of the high esteem in which she is held by those who have been on the vessel with her for the last three years. Mrs. Nickels will leave the vessel at Port Tampa, and will not return South again, as Commander Nickels will be promoted in the immediate future to the rank of captain, U. S. N., and assigned to more important duty.

J. C. Hall, an engineer on the Seaboard, committed suicide in Waldo a few days ago. He took carbolic acid and then shot himself. He lost his wife about a year ago, and was very much depressed. In May he carried his little girl to her grandmother's in South Dakota, and left her to spend the summer, and has only been back in Florida two weeks. He was one of the best engineers on the road, and was liked by all.

The contemplated new steamship line via Fernandina to New York, which project is mainly promoted by the Naval Stores Export Company, promises to be a big thing for the port in which freight of all kinds will be handled. One steamer a week will run in the beginning, but it is confidently expected that within a short time the service will be greatly increased.

At a meeting of the Pensacola city council, Charles H. Laney was elected as recorder. This is the first time in the history of the city that such a position has been held. His election was due to the fact that the legislature passed a bill recently making it compulsory upon the council to elect a recorder, thus relieving the mayor from holding police court.

No member of either branch of the legislature of 1905 can be appointed by the governor to be a member of the board of control provided for by the Buckman bill to manage the new collegiate system of Florida. The six justices of the supreme court of Florida agreed in this decision in an advisory opinion submitted to Governor Broward upon his request.

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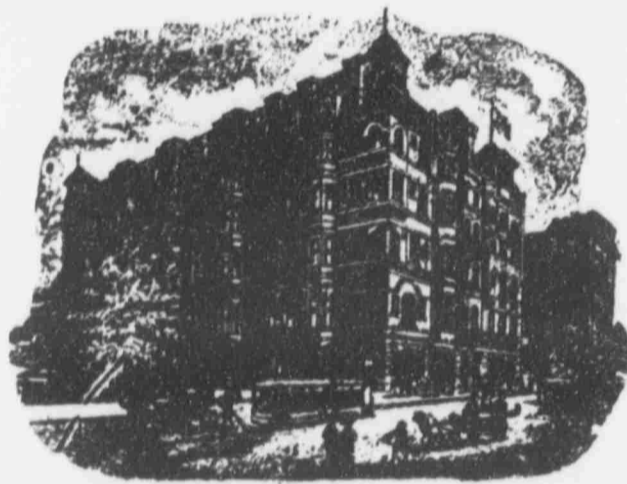
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Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
2:25p	12:55p	12:10a	9:25p	Lv New York Ar.	7:23a
2:55p	3:23p	7:23a	12:12a	Lv W. Phila. Ar.	4:21a
5:07p	5:25p	9:42a	2:37a	Lv Baltimo. Ar.	1:48a
7:25p	10:50a	4:30a	Lv Wash'ton Ar.	11:50p	8:36p
11:00p	2:20p	9:10a	Lv Richmond Ar.	5:30p	4:55p
11:40p	2:57p	10:02a	Lv Pet'sburg Ar.	4:22p	4:09p
1:45a	5:10p	12:45p	Ar .Norlina . Lv	2:10p	1:40p
33	41	38	32		
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily		
9:30p	.....	9:25a	Lv Portsmouth Ar	5:30p	.....
10:02p	.....	9:54a	Lv . Suffolk. Ar.	4:54p	.....
1:20a	.....	1:20p	Ar .Norlina. Lv.	1:40p	.....
1:57a	5:13p	1:40p	Lv .Norlina. Ar.	1:15p	1:35p
2:25a	5:37p	2:10p	Lv Hend'son. Ar.	12:37p	1:10p
9:00a	.....	4:10p	Ar .Durham.. Ar.	10:05a	.....
4:15a	7:00p	4:00p	Lv .Raleigh. Ar.	11:00a	11:50a
6:20a	8:55p	6:16p	Lv So Pines. Ar.	8:30a	9:45a
7:15a	9:55p	7:30p	Ar Hamlet.. Ar.	7:30a	8:50a
7:35a	10:15p	Lv . Hamlet.. Ar	7:10a	10:00p	
9:10a	11:55p	Ar .Monroe. Lv	5:40a	8:35p	
9:15a	12:01a	Lv .Monroe. Ar	5:35a	8:30p	
10:30a	1:20a	Ar .Chester.. Lv	4:06a	7:14p	
2:53p	11:47a	2:45a	Ar .Clinton .Lv	2:45a	6:00p
3:41p	12:33p	3:35a	Ar Greenwood Lv	1:56a	5:15p
4:08p	12:57p	4:02a	Lv Abbeville. Ar	1:33a	4:50p
4:45p	1:25p	4:32a	Lv Cal. Falls. Ar	1:00a	4:21p
5:23p	1:52p	5:05a	Lv .Elberton Ar	12:28a	3:55p
6:35p	2:50p	6:08a	Lv ...Athens .Ar	11:23p	2:57p
7:20p	3:26p	6:46a	Lv ...Winder. Ar	10:43p	2:23p
7:55p	3:55p	7:20a	Lv Lawville. Ar	10:10p	1:57p
9:20p	4:55p	8:40a	Ar .Atlanta .Lv	9:00p	1:00p

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